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63/198. Supporting the United Nations International School in enhancing international education and promoting multicultural interaction

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 1102 (XI) of 27 February 1957, 1228 (XII) of 14 December 1957, 2003 (XIX) of 10 February 1965 and 2612 (XXIV) of 16 December 1969, relating to the location, construction and funding of the permanent accommodation of the United Nations International School,

Noting that the School, which was first established on the premises of the United Nations at Lake Success in 1947, is now celebrating its sixtieth anniversary,

Noting also, as stated in its by-laws, that the "purposes of the School shall be to establish, operate and maintain, under the auspices of the United Nations, a school to promote and provide an international education conforming to the spirit and principles contained in the Charter of the United Nations for the children of persons officially connected with the United Nations, as well as for the children of other persons desirous of obtaining a similar education for their children and to promote educational activities of international character",

Noting further the role of the School as a factor in the recruitment and retention of international staff of the United Nations,

Recognizing that the School continues to make an indispensable contribution to the United Nations community by providing a suitable international education to successive generations of children from that community and others,

Recognizing also the high academic standards that the School has established as a premier international school recognized for its leadership in multicultural and multilingual education, and that it is a crucible of multi-ethnicity and multiculturalism which promotes the appreciation of diverse cultural capacities,

Noting that the School has embarked on much-needed renovation and improvement of its buildings and grounds that will update the facilities and add to the classroom space, which will greatly improve its educational capacities,

1. *Congratulates* the United Nations International School on its sixtieth anniversary;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* for the outstanding achievements of the School and for the valuable contribution it continues to make to the education and development of successive generations of children from the United Nations community;

3. *Notes* that the School is implementing a renovation programme to update and improve the facilities of the School;

4. *Urges* Member States and others in a position to do so to contribute generously to the Capital Development Fund of the School for the renovation programme, with a view to further enhancing international education and promoting multicultural interaction;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to provide to the School such assistance as appropriate in furtherance of its object and purposes.

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63/199. International Labour Organization Declaration on Social Justice for a Fair Globalization

The General Assembly,

Recalling the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields, including the development goals and objectives contained therein, and recognizing the vital role played by these conferences and summits in shaping a broad development vision and in identifying commonly agreed objectives, which have contributed to the improvement of human life in different parts of the world,

Reaffirming the commitment made in the 2005 World Summit Outcome[1] to full and productive employment and decent work for all, including for women and young people, as a central objective of relevant national and international policies as well as national development strategies, including poverty reduction strategies, as part of the efforts to achieve the Millennium Development Goals,

Recalling its resolution 59/57 of 2 December 2004 on the report of the World Commission on the Social Dimension of Globalization entitled *A Fair Globalization: Creating Opportunities for All*,[2]

Recalling also its resolution 62/208 of 19 December 2007 on the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system,

Reaffirming the resolve expressed in the United Nations Millennium Declaration[3] to ensure that globalization becomes a positive force for the people of the entire world and the commitment to ensuring greater policy coherence and better cooperation between the United Nations, its agencies, the Bretton Woods institutions and other multilateral bodies, with a view to achieving the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals,

[1] See resolution 60/1.

[2] See A/59/98-E/2004/79.

[3] See resolution 55/2.

Recognizing that full and productive employment and decent work for all is one of the key elements of poverty reduction strategies that facilitate the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals, and that it requires a multidimensional focus that incorporates Governments, the private sector, civil society, non-governmental organizations, representatives of employers and workers, international organizations and, in particular, the agencies of the United Nations system and the international financial institutions,

Reaffirming that development is a central goal in and of itself and that sustainable development in its economic, social and environmental aspects constitutes a key element of the overarching framework of United Nations activities,

1. *Takes note with interest* of the adoption of the Declaration on Social Justice for a Fair Globalization[4] and its accompanying resolution at the ninety-seventh session of the International Labour Conference, and calls for their implementation;

2. *Recognizes* that in the present context of globalization, achieving an improved and fair outcome for all has become even more necessary in order to meet the universal aspiration for social justice, reach full employment, ensure the sustainability of open societies and the global economy, achieve social cohesion and combat poverty and rising inequalities;

3. *Also recognizes* that the social impact of the current economic crisis may disproportionately affect the weakest and most vulnerable segments of society, through increased poverty, underemployment, growth in inequality and difficult social conditions;

4. *Reiterates its support* for a fair globalization, and resolves to make the goals of full and productive employment and decent work for all, including for women and young people, a central objective of relevant national and international policies, including poverty reduction strategies, as well as other measures which may be developed in response to the current economic crisis, as appropriate, with the aim of achieving the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals;

5. *Supports* the call of the Declaration to promote and contribute to the implementation of an integrated approach to the decent work agenda, based on the four inseparable, interrelated and mutually supportive strategic objectives of employment creation, fundamental principles and rights at work, social dialogue and social protection;

6. *Reiterates* that the Toolkit for Mainstreaming Employment and Decent Work,[5] as adopted by the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination and endorsed by the Economic and Social Council,[6] provides a practical method for advancing coherence in policymaking and implementation on these issues within the United Nations system;

7. *Requests* the United Nations funds, programmes, specialized agencies and financial institutions to continue to mainstream the goals of full and productive

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[4] A/63/538-E/2009/4, annex.

[5] Available from www.ilo.org/public/english/bureau/pardev/relations/multilateral/toolkit.htm.

[6] See Economic and Social Council resolution 2008/18, para. 35.

employment and decent work for all in their policies, programmes and activities through promotion of an integrated approach, including the application of the Toolkit;

8. *Encourages* Member States to consider applying the principles set out in the Toolkit at the national level in an effort to promote policy coherence around the promotion of full and productive employment and decent work for all;

9. *Recognizes* the particular relevance of the International Labour Organization Declaration on Social Justice for a Fair Globalization in the light of the World Day of Social Justice, and encourages active dialogue and collaboration among the various funds, programmes and specialized agencies of the United Nations system, as well as at the national level, including civil society and non-governmental organizations;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to duly take into account the International Labour Organization Declaration on Social Justice for a Fair Globalization when considering related reports in the economic and social fields.

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63/200. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Pacific Islands Forum

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 49/1 of 17 October 1994, 59/20 of 8 November 2004 and 61/48 of 4 December 2006,

Welcoming the ongoing efforts towards closer cooperation between the United Nations and the Pacific Islands Forum and its associated institutions,

Bearing in mind that the Pacific Islands Forum was established in 1971 and that leaders of the Pacific Islands Forum endorsed in 2005 the Pacific Plan, which has the goal of enhancing and stimulating economic growth, sustainable development, good governance and security for Pacific countries through regionalism,

Affirming the need to strengthen the cooperation that already exists between entities of the United Nations system and the Pacific Islands Forum in the areas of sustainable development, environmental protection, good governance and peace and security,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations,[1]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General,[1] in particular paragraphs 90 to 97 on cooperation between the United Nations and the Pacific Islands Forum, and encourages further such cooperation;

2. *Invites* the Secretary-General of the United Nations to take the necessary measures, in consultation with the Secretary-General of the Pacific Islands Forum, to promote and expand cooperation and coordination between the two secretariats in order to increase the capacity of the organizations to attain their common objectives;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixty-fifth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution.

[1] A/63/228-S/2008/531 and Corr.1.

4. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-fifth session the sub-item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Pacific Islands Forum".

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